

REMARKS

As stated in the Examiner's Answer of May 23, 2007, on page 8, Claims 21 and 22 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claims and any intervening claims. Further, Claim 21 should read "root portion" or "root portions" not both, and Claim 22 is objected to for the recitation of "the gum line" lacking sufficient antecedent basis.

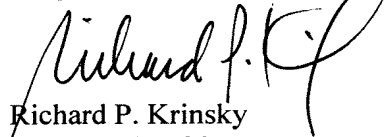
Therefore, Claim 21 has been rewritten in independent form and Claims 21 and 22 have been amended to address the objections and to delete the word "Claim" in front of the claim number. Therefore, Claims 21 and 22 are in condition for allowance, and such is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-20 are cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer of the subject matter therein.

In view of all of the above, Claims 21 and 22 and the Application are now in condition for allowance and such is hereby requested.

It is respectfully requested that, if necessary to effect a timely response, this paper be considered as a Petition for an Extension of Time sufficient to effect a timely response and shortages in other fees be charged, or any overpayment in fees be credited, to the Account of Barnes & Thornburg LLP, Deposit Account No. 10-0435 (644/37423).

Respectfully submitted,



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Enclosure(s): Amendments to the Claims